





# Objectives of the Ad Hoc Building Committee

- \* To conduct studies regarding the needs of the respective school facilities and methods of construction, financing and related matters required to meet those needs.
- Priorities as directed by the Tri-Board
  - ❖ Improve the science classrooms / labs
  - \* Relocation of the elementary administration office to the front of the school
  - \* All building, fire and health code requirements









SCIENCE - NEW LABORATORIES

## Educational Upgrades

- \* Renovate classrooms at NSES for the new PK thru 6th Grade Elementary School
- Technology upgrades (items not completed through recent grants)
- New Central Kitchen and dedicated space for a Cafeteria / Multipurpose space at NSES
- ❖ All programs available at the first level at NSES
- Space for meetings & storage at all schools
- Update Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics Labs)
- New space for the Wheeler Cafeteria
- New Chorus room and updated Band room



DEDICATED CAFETERIA SPACE





# Maintenance/Energy



CLASSROOM - LIGHTING

- Replace windows
- Improve building envelope insulation
- Update buildings to meet current codes (Fire, Building, ADA, Health, Energy)
- Update buildings to meet State standards for Acoustic & Natural Lighting
- Update buildings to meet State standards for Indoor Air Quality
- ❖ Fix / Replace Roof
- ❖ Title IX and Code upgrade at the Gymatorium
- Update mechanical, plumbing & electrical systems where necessary

# Safety



MAIN OFFICE - SECURITY

- \*Asbestos, lead and PCB removal in all buildings
- ❖ Discontinue use of the multipurpose room for physical education at NSES
- ❖ Move computer room to the first floor at NSES
- Relocation of the Main Office to the front of NSES
- ❖ Discontinue use or modification of the tunnel under Route 2



#### Construction Approaches Discussed for the Project:

- Renovation of the Middle/High School at the current location.
  - \* Costs more than proposed approach. Construction phasing would be difficult & project would take nearly 4 years to complete. Current MS/HS cannot easily be modified to meet codes.
- \* "Switching" the MS/HS with the Elementary School for space utilization.
  - \* Costs more than the proposed approach. Phasing and moving kids would be extremely difficult and disruptive to students over several years.
- ❖ Piecemeal Approach do the bare minimum not as one project, but as several ongoing projects over multiple years.
  - \* Costs more and we get less. (see next slide)
- Renovation of one school first, than another school years later
  - Difficult to estimate the costs as projection due to unknown reimbursement and interest rates, however, we estimate the cost to be several million more over time using this approach and our reimbursement rate would be much lower using this approach.
- Do nothing at all
  - This is not an option if we keep educating our children in North Stonington due to the severity of the issues our facilities have.





#### Capital Improvement Projects Approach

This approach assumes that the existing building and grade configuration will be maintained at each facility and no demolition will occur.

- \* HAZMAT Remediation & Replacement at all Schools:
- ❖ Indoor Air Quality Ventilation & Air conditioning:
- \* Roof Replacement:
- Fire Suppression Sprinklers in Schools:
- Security Route 2 Connector and location of Office:
- Update Code & ADA Deficiencies:
- Existing Science Labs Updated:
- Kitchens Existing equipment and Staffing to remain
- **❖** No Site work
- ❖ No Building Additions or Demolition

Total Cost \$38 Million, with a Net Cost to the Town of \$27.9 Million

Assumes phased renovations in multiple small projects encompassing summers. All repair and replacement costs will not be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement percentages may be lower due to annual changes of reimbursement rates and the limited scope of each project.



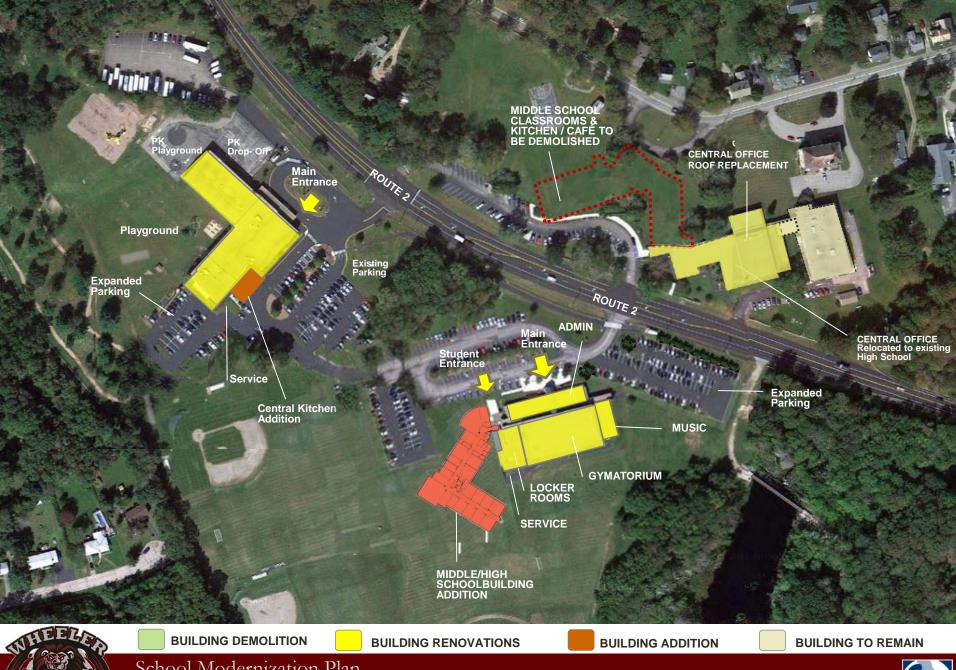
- \$ 8.9M Gross \$7.1 Net
- \$ 3.2M Gross \$1.9 Net
- \$ 2.0M Gross \$1.4 Net
- \$ 2.5M Gross \$1.9 Net
- \$ 5.2M Gross \$3.6 Net
- \$ 2.3M Gross \$1.8 Net



This leads us to the approach that makes the most sense educationally & fiscally for our town as voted unanimously by our committee....



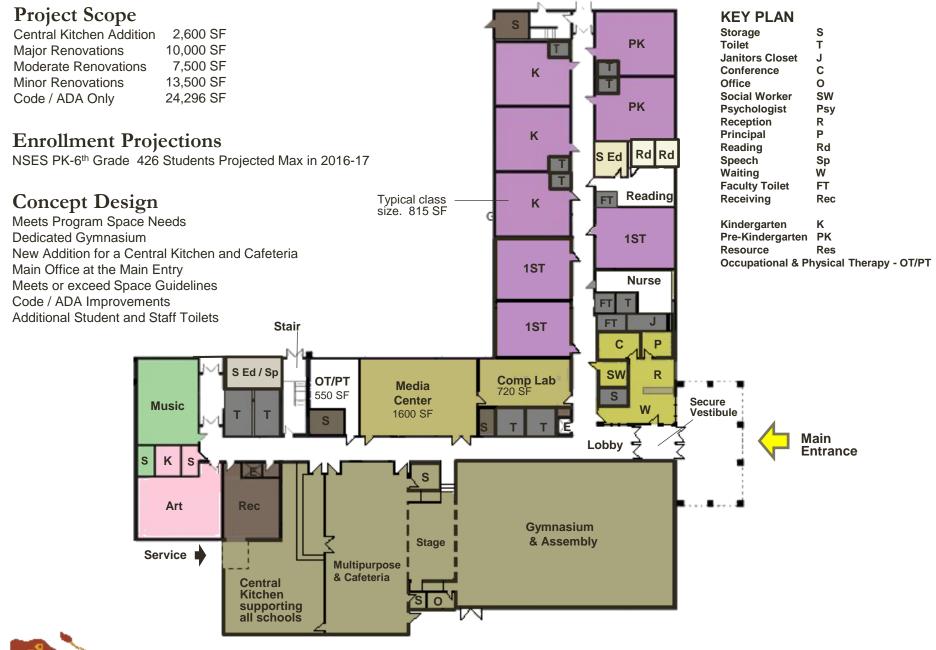






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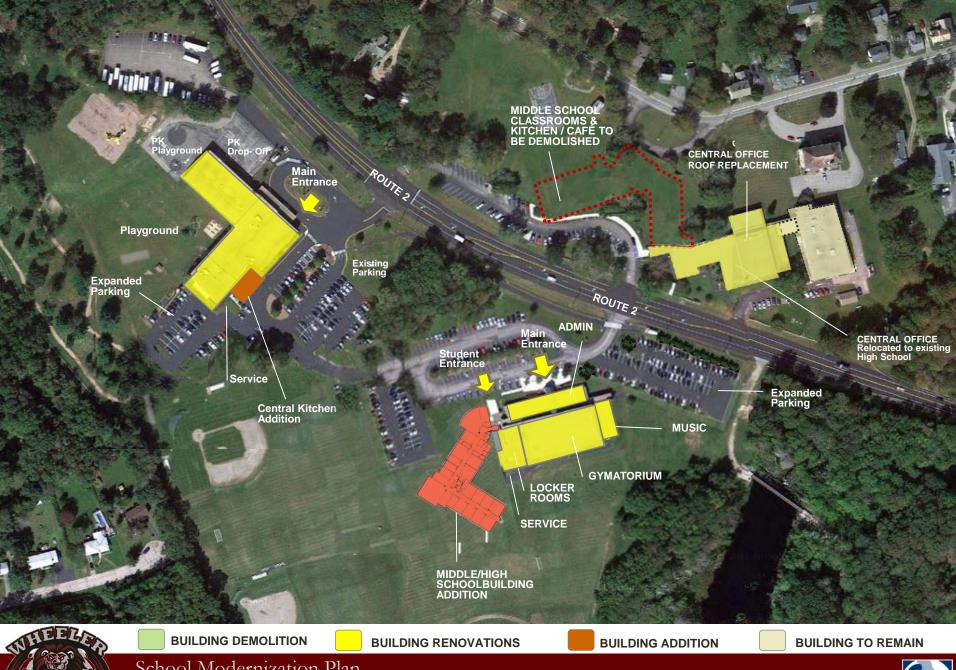


#### North Stonington Elementary School Budget Breakdown:

HAZMAT & DEMO SITE - Allowance ADA / Accessibility	\$ 1,422,000 \$ 250,000
❖ New Asphalt Parking & Drives	
❖ Walk and Site Improvements	
• Utilities	
BUILDING	\$ 8,283,000
❖ New Addition - \$755,000	
• Renovations \$ 7,528,000	
PHASING (Limited)	\$ 50,000
GENERAL CONDITIONS & PROJECT MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,260,000
CONTINGENCY & ESCALATION	\$ 1,280,000
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 1,265,000
❖ Hazmat & Construction Testing	
<ul> <li>Project Bonding &amp; Finance</li> </ul>	
❖ Design & Commissioning	
❖ FFE / Technology / Permitting / Geotechnical / Survey Etc.	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$13,810,000
TOTAL BUILDING AREA – GROSS SF PROJECTED REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF 45.98%	57,896 SF









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## Wheeler Middle & High School Budget Breakdown:

HAZMAT & DEMO SITE - Allowance ADA / Accessibility  New Asphalt Parking & Drives  Walk and Site Improvements  Utilities	\$ 925,000 \$ 850,000
BUILDING  New Addition - \$12,190,000  Renovations \$3,710,000	\$15,900,000
PHASING (Limited) GENERAL CONDITIONS & PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY & ESCALATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT  Hazmat & Construction Testing Project Bonding & Finance Design & Commissioning FFE / Technology / Permitting / Geotechnical / Survey Etc.	\$ 20,000 \$ 1,610,000 \$ 2,190,000 \$ 1,615,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$23,110,000
TOTAL BUILDING AREA – GROSS SF PROJECTED REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF 38.28%	71,180 SF





### **Project Budget 2016**

North Stonington Elementary School Project Cost State Reimbursement 46.07% Reduced by Space Standards State Reimbursement \$'s Based on 98.25% Eligible Cost	\$13,810,000 45.98% \$6,240,000
Cost to the Town of North Stonington	\$7,570,000
Wheeler Middle & High School Project Cost State Reimbursement 46.07% Reduced by Space Standards State Reimbursement \$'s Based on 98.5% Eligible Cost	\$23,110.000 38.28 % \$8.710,000
Cost to the Town of North Stonington	\$14,400.000
BOE Roof Project Cost State Reimbursement 46.07% Reduced by Space Standards State Reimbursement \$'s Based on 100% Eligible Cost	\$ 480,000 23.03 % \$ 110,000
Cost to the Town of North Stonington	\$ 370,000
Project Cost Short Term Financing Total Project Cost	\$37,400,000 <u>\$1,150,000</u> \$38,550,000
Estimated State Reimbursement	<u>-\$15,060,000</u>
Cost to the Town of North Stonington	\$23,490,000
Net Cost to the Town of North Stonington with 100% Space Standard Waiver is estimated at	\$21,680,000





#### State reimbursement – what the research shows

- Since the year 2000 over 1,000 grant applications for school projects have been applied for and received funding.
- Representative Diana Urban has stated "I can tell you that in all my years in Hartford I have never seen school construction reimbursement used to balance a budget. I talked to the Chair of Education and he has heard nothing that would indicate that reimbursement would be changed."
- Architect Rusty Malik "I have been working on school projects almost exclusively since 1989 and each year the projects received funding from the state. To date I am not aware of any project or any year that the State did not fund the school construction projects."

Conclusion- Based on the facts and numbers we have, State Reimbursement is something we should plan to utilize. In the unlikely event we do not receive State Reimbursement, our leadership can simply decide not to do the project or work within the reimbursable numbers we are counting on





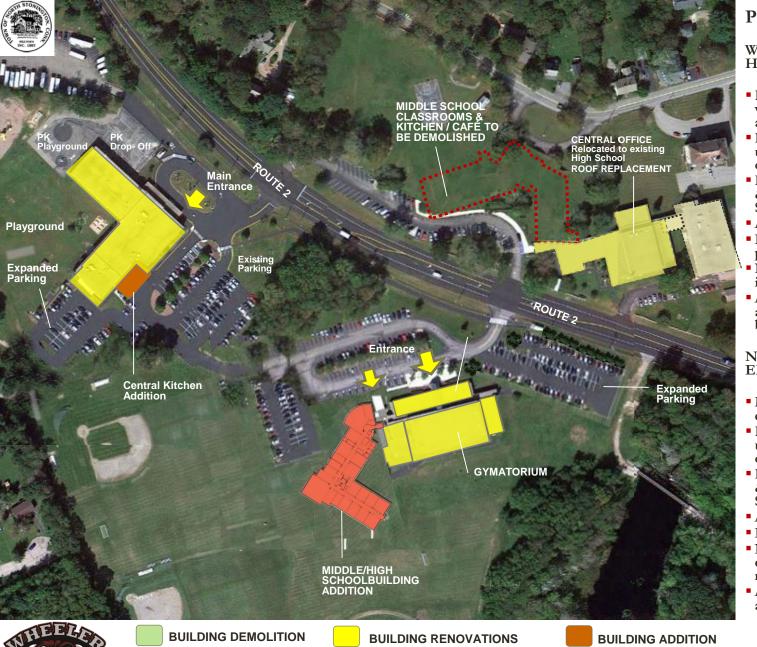
## PROJECT BUDGET

Budget	2014 Project	TODAYS COST of 2014 Project	PROPOSED PROJEC
NSES Project Cost	\$15.97M	\$17.84M	\$13.81M
State Reimbursement	\$ 6.34M	\$ 7.14M - 41%	\$ 6.24M - 45.98%
NSES Cost to Town	\$ 9.63M	\$10.70M	\$ 7.57M
WMHS Project Cost	\$24.55M	\$26.83M	\$23.11M
State Reimbursement 38.28%	\$ 8.31M	\$ 9.12M - 34.84%	\$ 8.71M - 38.28%
WMHS Cost to Town	\$16.24M	\$17.71M	\$14.40M
BOE Roof Project Cost	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.48M
State Reimbursement 23.03%	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.11M - 23.03%
BOE Cost to Town	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.37M
Project Financing	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.70M	\$ 1.15M
Additional HAZMAT	\$ 0.00M	\$ 2.00M	Included in Budget
New Roof for BOE Space	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.48M	Included in Budget
Additional Project Cost	\$ 0.00M	\$ 3.18M	Included in Budget
State Reimbursement	\$ 0.00M	\$ 0.80M	Included in Budget
Cost to Town	\$ 0.00M	\$ 2.38M	\$ 1.15M
Total Project Cost	\$40.52M	\$47.85M	\$38.55M
State Reimbursement	\$14.65M	\$17.06M	\$15.06M
*Total Cost to North Stonington	\$25.87M	\$30.79M	\$23.49M

THE PROPOSED PROJECT ACTUALLY COSTS \$7 MILLION LESS IN TODAY'S DOLLARS THAN THE 2014 PROJECT







#### **PROJECT BENEFITS**

#### WHEELER MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

- Buildings consolidated at the west side of route 2 addressing security concerns
- Building and infrastructure updated to meet all current codes – Health / Safety / Fire
- Building air quality, lighting & acoustics updated to meet State Standards
- All hazmat remediated
- Energy efficient high performance buildings
- New science labs and instructional classrooms
- All educational needs addressed in the academic building addition

#### NORTH STONINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Main office at building entrance
- Building and infrastructure updated to meet all current codes – Health / Safety / Fire
- Building air quality, lighting & acoustics updated to meet State Standards
- All hazmat remediated
- Energy efficiency optimized
- New Central Kitchen and dedicated cafeteria and multipurpose room
- All educational needs addressed



**BUILDING TO REMAIN** 



